Frequently Asked Questions

Everything you need to know about our competition.



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How / Where do I enter?

- Entries to the competition is done through the website using www.oppietongaf.co.za
- After the payment has been completed, you will receive a Google Form to complete the participants' details. Ensure that the form is completed in order for your entry to reflect on our side.
- After completing the Google Form, a copy of the Form completed will be sent to your email address.

When does the competition take place?

- Use the following link to see when the competition takes place in your dedicated region for PUBLIC SPEAKING: https://oppietongaf.co.za/2027-competition-dates/
- Use the following link to see when the competition takes place in your dedicated region for DEBAT(E): https://oppietongaf.co.za/debate-competition-dates/

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How or Where will the competition take place?

- For the Provincial (1st Round) and Semi Final Round, our competition takes place **LIVE** and **ONLINE** using the ZOOM Application. Each participant will receive a program which contains the link to the applicable session.
- The National Final Round takes place **in person**, in Gauteng, usually in October.

Where can I submit my video?

- NO VIDEOS will be accepted.

What are the Entry Fees?

- Follow the link for the applicable Entry Fees: https://oppietongaf.co.za/competition-entryfees/

What are the TOPICS for 2027?

- We encourage speakers to choose a topic they feel passionate about and share ideas/opinions that are meaningful and important to them. There are **NO SET TOPICS**.

What categories are available?

- Follow the link for the different categories available: https://oppietongaf.co.za/competition-categories/
- Kindly Note: we do not have an **EXPERIMENTAL CATEGORY**.

Can I participate in more than one category?

- Yes, participants may enter more than one category. However, please note that scheduling conflicts may occur between categories, as dates and time slots are limited. Participants should therefore consider this possibility when selecting their categories.

What are the requirements to request a date and timeslot change?

- As much as we want to accommodate everyone, it is not always the case. In order to request a date change, send an email to info@oppietongaf.co.za - **A DATE CHANGE FEE WILL BE APPLICABLE.**

When will I receive my Certificate?

- Upon completion of the scheduled session, participants will receive a copy of the adjudicators' comments via WhatsApp. Should WhatsApp be unavailable, the comments will be sent via email instead.
- After the competition has ended, participants will receive their certificate (in pdf format) via email.

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May I enter categories outside my age group?

- Participants may only enter categories applicable to their respective age groups. Entries submitted for categories outside the participant's eligible age group will result in disqualification.

How can we get involved with your non-profit organisation?

- There are several ways to get involved with our Youth Development initiatives. You can partner with us as a sponsor, contribute towards our programmes or assist us in expanding our reach to more schools and learners across South Africa.
- If you are interested in working with us or exploring potential partnership opportunities, please contact us directly. We would love to discuss how we can work together. info@oppietongaf.co.za

How do we become a sponsor?

- If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, we would love to hear from you! Please contact us directly to discuss opportunities and explore how we can work together. We welcome the opportunity to build meaningful partnerships that create a lasting positive impact.

What happens if I cannot open the Zoom link on the Programme?

- The programme will contain a specific Zoom link to every session as well as a Meeting ID that can be used to join the session. The PASSWORD for the MEETING ID is always 123456..

When will I receive the Programme?

- The programme will be sent via email at least 2 weeks before the competition starting date.

What happens if I enter the wrong category?

- An email can be sent to info@oppietongaf.co.za with the necessary changes before the competition kicks off.
- The category cannot be changed once the competition ends.

What happens if I have connectivity problems?

- Ensure that you are connected to a stable internet connection either via WiFi or mobile data.
- Log out of the session and log in again.
- Ensure that the microphone and vidio permissions settings on the device you are using allows the microphone and video in the Zoom app.
- Try using an alternative device at another location.

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What happens if I cannot attend the date and time indicated on the Programme?

- As much as we want to accommodate everyone, it is not always the case. In order to request a date change, send an email to info@oppietongaf.co.za - A DATE CHANGE FEE WILL BE APPLICABLE.

How many rounds are there in the competition?

- The Competition consists of 3 rounds:
- The Provincial Round (1st Round) ONLINE
- The Semi Final Round (2nd Round) ONLINE
- The National Final Round (3rd Round) IN PERSON

What device should I use for the competition?

- Participants may use any device that supports the Zoom application, provided it has a working camera and microphone and a stable Wi-Fi connection e.g. smartphone / laptop.

What happens if I do not show up on the time and session as indicated on the programme?

- Please note that all the arrangements have been made to ensure our adjudicators are available and on time to meet the requirements of the programme. Failure to attend at the allocated time slot will result in forfeiture of your place in the competition. No alternative date or time slot will be arranged.

What exactly does National competition mean?

- The competition will be hosted in all provinces of South Africa.
- A national competition is one in which participants compete from all provinces of South Africa.

How do I get The Unprepared & The Golden Tongue categories' topics?

- When entering the competition, a contact number is entered. This number will be used to send the dedicated Topic to. Ensure that the number entered is correct.

When will I receive the topics?

- Persuasive Unprepared - The topic will be sent 60 min before it is your time to speak via whatsapp. You have 60 min preparation time.
- The Golden Tongue - The topic will be sent via whatsapp during the scheduled session 5 min before you are scheduled to speak.
- **TAKE NOTE:** If you have not received the topic, as indicated above, send a whatsapp / email as quickly as possible to ensure you receive it on time.

Can I enter the Experimental Category?

- *Oppie Tong Af/ On the Tip of Your Tongue* DOES NOT have this category.

Is Entertainment Speech the same as Experimental speech?

- No, an entertainment speech is not an experimental speech. Feel free to revisit our Competition Category section. https://oppietongaf.co.za/competition-categories/

Can I receive a refund?

- As a non-profit organisation, we unfortunately do not offer refunds or credits for incorrect payments, registration errors or withdrawals due to a participant's inability to attend the competition. All payments are final and therefore will be regarded as donations toward the project.

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